

REMARKS

Claims 38 through 43 are pending. Claims 44 through 46 have been canceled without prejudice to prosecuting these claims in a continuing application.

Double Patenting

Claims 38 through 43 stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8, 24, 25, and 27 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,331,539, and over claim 1 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,825,350. Included herewith are terminal disclaimers in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and 37 CFR 3.73(b). Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 38 through 43 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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